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Commentary

A presidency of action for African Americans

By Al Gore
(Contributions to the NNPA from
established national leaders)

At the heart of all of the issues that have been raised during this campaign is one critical question: will America have leadership that stands up for the people, or that panders to the powerful? Will we have leadership that fights to widen the circle of opportunity, or that addresses long-standing wounds with nothing more than words? In this first election of the new century, your voices and votes will decide.

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With more African Americans appointed to cabinet seats, judgeships and other high posts in the United States history — we are showing that we are successful not in spite of our diversity, we are successful because of it. Even before the election, I'm determined to break even more barriers, with Donna Brazile, the first African-American campaign manager for either party.

In the Scripture, it is written, "In the day of prosperity there is forgetfulness of affliction." We must not forget what bad policies did to our communities not long ago. Now is the time to open a whole new era of prosperity and progress for America.

To do that, we must have the courage to act. That's something I learned from my father.

My father was a United States Senator from the South. He fought against the poll tax in the 1940s, and for civil rights in the 1950s. He was one of only two Senators to refuse to sign the Segregationist Southern Manifesto. He voted for the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and he voted against Supreme Court nominees whose commitment was suspect. Those brave stands probably cost him his career.

I lost my father recently, but I thank God every day he taught me that justice must not be compromised, and instilled in me the determination to act on that passion. However, the history and a long struggle of African Americans teaches that talk is cheap. It is deeds that matter.

So here is what I will do as President.

I believe we have a national responsibility to make our public schools the best in the world, investing more and demanding more. We need to finish the job of hiring 100,000 new teachers to reduce class size. We need to elevate the teaching profession, and treat teachers like the professionals they are.

We can't lift our kids up in school buildings that are falling down. We can't give kids the attention they need if they're crammed into a trailer on the playground. We need to rebuild and modernize schools all across America.

I believe a strong America is a healthy America. Right now, the

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Helping bring youth together

Meet the ladies of Jack and Jill



The ladies of the Greater Essex County Chapter of Jack and Jill were photographed into Jack and Jill of America, Inc. at a formal initiation ceremony held at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club in South Orange, N.J. See the story on page A-8.

Africa remains missing from the campaign foreign policy debate

By Jimmie Briggs
Special to the NNPA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Having identified Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Russia as locations of strategic interest to the United States, the two main presidential candidates have continued to overlook the second largest continent in the world when arguing points of foreign policy—Africa.

Appearing on an interview on the PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer this past Feb. 16 Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush stated that "while Africa may be important, it doesn't fit into the national strategic interest, as far as I can see them. At some point in time, the president has got to clearly define what is in our interests." Bush's philosophy has generally been, "you start with strong neighbors and reach out from there."

In the broadest terms, Bush has been characterized as a traditional isolationist, one who would follow the so-called "Powell Doctrine," named for Gen. Colin Powell, the former military Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Based on that principle, the United States would only become militarily involved in crises or disasters overseas if America's "national interests" are directly threatened, and then only with overwhelming might. Democratic Presidential candidate, Democratic Presidential candidate Al Gore has expressed a greater willingness to intervene in places such as the Balkans where genocidal actions are occurring.

Bush's main foreign adviser and the highest-placed African American in his campaign is Condoleezza Rice, the former Stanford University provost and a Russia policy adviser in his father's administration. Leon Fourch is Gore's foreign affairs guru. Considered to be the more experienced and knowledgeable foreign policy expert over Bush, Gore has been critically involved with African affairs in the current administration.

One outspoken champion of greater U.S. involvement in Africa, the Reverend Leon Sullivan, is concerned about the lack of attention given to the continent's specific and unique concerns. A Philadelphia-born pastor, Sullivan is famously known for authoring the "Sullivan Principles," an outline of codes for American firms operating in South Africa during the apartheid era.

"All of our focus has been directed towards Kosovo and the Middle East," says Sullivan. "Almost nothing is being said about sub-Saharan Africa. There are steady efforts being made in Africa towards democratization and debt relief, and the United States, Europe and the international community must help."

During the Clinton presidency, the continent of Africa received more attention than under any previous administration. No other U.S. leader had ever made two trips to Africa during their term. As recently as last summer, Clinton traveled to southern and central Africa, when he oversaw peace negotiations in Burundi, at the invitation of former South African president Nelson Mandela.

Still, the specter of "Operation Restore Hope," the 1992 United Nations (U.N.) mission to the east African country of Somalia lingers over any discussion of American military deployment, whether for

humanitarian purposes or conflict intervention. In one infamous televised image, the corpse of a dead American G.I. was dragged through the streets of the capital, Mogadishu.

Two years ago, the U.S. lent approximately \$700 million to sub-Saharan Africa for famine, disease and conflict relief. Annually, the continent takes in \$5 billion in direct foreign investment. Last May, the President signed the "African Growth and Opportunity Act" into law, opening up the American market to burgeoning African economies with lower tariffs for their goods.

Additionally, the Clinton administration has established a global trust fund for HIV/AIDS patients, a disproportionate number of who are in Africa. Of the most pressing problems facing the continent, including a desperate need for debt relief, conflict resolution, and infrastructure development, the HIV/AIDS epidemic is the most dire. Of Africa's 54 countries, 16 have rates of infection at 10 percent or higher. According to the UN, 5,000 people die daily from the disease and over 12 million children have been orphaned by it. In an unprecedented address before the UN's Security Council last January, Vice President Gore spoke of the impact and need for a

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Daylight saving time ends Sunday

Daylight Saving Time is about to end, and across the country, people will turn clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 (or before they go to bed on Saturday, Oct. 28).

Daylight Saving Time is a practice that was begun in 1918 when U.S. Congress adopted the program as part of the World War I effort. In 1919, Congress scrapped DST, though some states throughout the country opted to continue it. In fact, from 1918 through 1967, various states individually — and for a period the nation as a whole — went on a variety of time programs, including "War Time" during World War II.

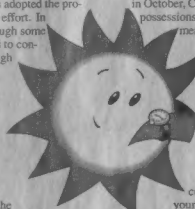
It was not until 1967 that Congress put into effect the Uniform Time Act, which instituted Daylight Saving Time for the nation, starting at 2:00 a.m. on the

last Sunday in April and ending at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October. In 1986, President Reagan signed a bill that became effective in 1987, that moved the start of Daylight Saving Time to the first Sunday in April, but left the end at the last Sunday in October. Currently, several U.S. states and possessions are exempt by law from implementing DST.

Along with the time change, come a few other important things — and safety-related matters.

Set clocks, watches and VCRs back one hour. Change timers on lights and security systems in homes and offices.

Because it gets dark even earlier now, remember to discuss curfews and safety tips with young children.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

IVINGTON — The Urban League of Essex County is offering free one-day or education seminars from 9-11:30 a.m. For more information, call (973) 524-9539 ext. 104.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

MORRISTOWN — The Morris Museum will host a tour of Museum of Modern Art and The Lincoln Center. The bus will depart at 8:45 a.m. and return approximately at 5:30 p.m. For reservations, call (973) 538-0454 Ex. 250.

LIVINGSTON — Livingston Wealth Management is hosting a seminar on avoiding investment mistakes between 9 a.m.-11 a.m. For more information call 1-877-879-2441.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

NEWARK — Women In Support Of The Million Man March Inc. Hosts its African Ball And Awards Dinner. For further information call 973-297-1273.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

NEWARK — The NJ Historical Society presents the "Halloween Community Family Festival" from 12-4 p.m. For more information, call (973) 596-6500.

Opportunity is knocking

College fair to be held

NEWARK — A college fair for high school students will take place on Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PSE&G building, 800 Park Place, room 206. Representatives from leading historically black colleges and universities as well as colleges and universities from metropolitan New Jersey and the Eastern Seaboard will be available to meet area high school students.

Holiday services offered

PLAINFIELD — Holiday applications are available to Plainfield residents until Oct. 30 at Plainfield Action Services, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060. You must provide proof of residence, income, family size and Social Security Cards for all household members. There will be a cross-reference with other agencies to avoid duplications of applicants. For further information, call Plainfield Action Services at (908) 753-3519.

RAHWAY — Union County Arts Center is hosting "Superlodge" at 3 p.m. For more information call (732) 499-8225.

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield High School, 920 Park Avenue, is hosting "Families For Non-Violence: A Celebration of Peace" at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the cafeteria.

MORRISTOWN — The Morris Museum will have a month-long celebration of New Jersey Arts and Humanities and a Halloween festival on October 28 and 29 at 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call (973) 538-0454 or visit www.morrismuseum.org.

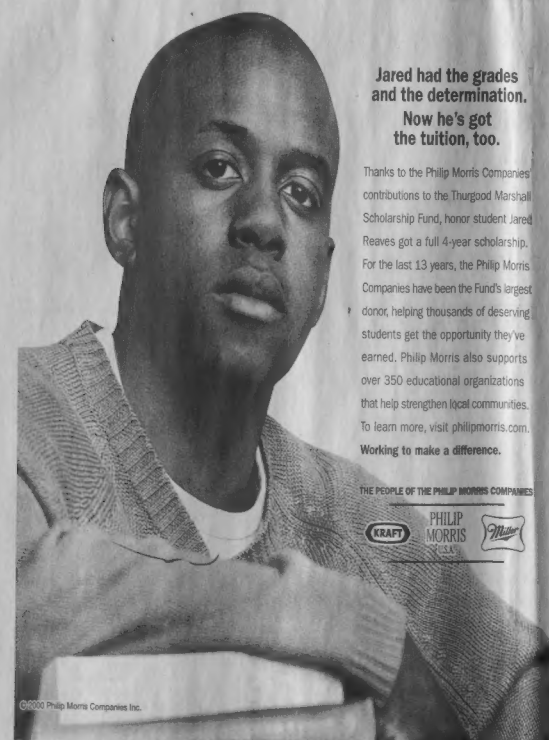
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

NEWARK — New Jersey Institute of Technology To Host Annual Fall Open House from noon to 4 P.M. For further information call 973-596-3456.

TRENTON — NJN Public Television and radio to host NJN News Independent Candidate Forum at 8 P.M. For further information call Marsha Peles at 609-777-5051.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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Business community to honor William Freeman for achievements



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African-American to head the state company. Freeman's community leadership activities are

many. He is vice chairman of the National Board of Directors of Junior Achievement and a member of the Board of Governors of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. He is a member of the Board of Associates at Gallaudet University and serves on the Board of Trustees of Drew University. He is vice chairman of the State of New Jersey Commission on Higher Education as a result of an appointment by Gov. Whitman. Freeman also served as the chairman of the Regional Business Partnership in Newark and was a Board member of the Newark Alliance and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Lewis Katz, principal officer of the New Jersey Nets is chairman of the dinner and Professor Clement A. Price, Professor of History and Director of the

Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience at Rutgers University, Newark Campus, will be the keynote speaker.

The American Jewish Committee is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting all forms of bigotry and to building bridges of mutual respect and understanding among all religious, racial and ethnic groups. The AJC confers the Institute of Human Relations Award to leaders of the business and civic community who, through their skills, influence and dedication, have demonstrated leadership and vision in the corporate world and a sense of social responsibility in the general community.

To join the tribute committee or purchase tickets for the dinner honoring William M. Freeman, call Allison Gall, New Jersey Area Director at (973) 379-7844.

Word on the street

After watching the presidential debates what do you think of the candidates?

Randy Reid
South Plainfield

"Yes I watched and I think they were both telling lies and saying what people wanted to hear. I haven't seen a politician in the neighborhood since the riots."

Wanda Edwards
Newark

"No. I didn't know it was on."

Raheem Payne
Newark

"No. I am not into politics. I don't think my vote counts."

Eyen Brooks
Massapequa Long Island

"I watched the debate and I feel the same way I did in 1992 when I was a political activist. We are just picking the lesser of two evils."

New housing is good for the environment

CURE, Inc. and **JP Affordable Housing, Inc.** recently celebrated the State of New Jersey's Pilot Environmental Housing Program with a "house raising" ceremony hailing the techniques, methods and materials used in producing affordable, environmentally sensitive housing, with reduced long term operating costs and increased comfort for residents.

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Pictured (l-r) Basil Franklin, chief of housing production for the City of Newark; Rev. Franc Gilliard, CURE, Inc. Pastor, Smyrna Baptist Church; JoAnne Wilson, business administrator for the City of Newark; (center) Darlene Noble, Mayor's Office of Affirmative Action; Roy Benjami co-owner of J.P. Affordable Housing, Inc.; Peggy Huchel, State of New Jersey Department Community Affairs and Eugene O'Connell, co-owner of J.P. Affordable Housing, Inc.

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Judge dismisses manslaughter charge against Detroit guard

DEARBORN, MI.—In a civil

rights case, that Detroit national attorney, a Detroit security guard accused of manslaughter in an incident with a customer at a local Lord & Taylor clothing store has had those charges dismissed when District Judge Virginia Soboka determined that there was not sufficient evidence.

According to recent reports, Soboka dropped the charge when it was learned that the victim, Frederick Finley, 32, suffered from a heart condition. It was also learned that Finley may not have died from asphyxiation but possibly from heart failure.

The guard, Dennis Richardson, 29, had held Finley in a chokehold in a scuffle in the parking lot June 22, Richardson and other guards believed that Finley's girlfriend's 11-year-old daughter had shoplifted an item from the store and confronted the girl. When, according to the guards and the police report, Finley intervened and eventually threw a punch at the guards. At that time, Richardson put a chokehold on Finley. The man died shortly thereafter.

D.C. citizens again denied vote in congress

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—The Supreme Court recently ruled that Washington D.C. residents do not have a constitutional right to a voting representative to congress. The decision comes after a two-year legal battle by a coalition of community leaders and activists.

Some viewed the effort as a backdoor attempt to win a long-standing struggle for political voice and independence. D.C. residents could not vote in presidential elections until the 1960s, for example. It wasn't until 1970 that the district was allowed a non-voting member in Congress. Eleanor Holmes Norton is Washington D.C.'s current non-voting delegate.

"I was prepared to win and I was prepared to lose," said Norton, "but more importantly I am prepared to keep fighting."

District leaders recognize the complications in the matter. "We are like a U.S. territory-Virgin Islands or Puerto Rico," says Denise Rolark-Barnes, publisher and editor of The Washington Informer newspaper. "Yet there are other jurisdictions that are similarly situated but that have other concessions—such as freedom from paying federal taxes. But we're in the territory of Congress and so it's a real slap in the face where we have as many residents in this city that make up a couple of states, pay federal taxes, with state responsibilities and not have a voting member in Congress."

Rolark-Barnes said the District's residents are responsible for their own fate. "Part of the problem is us. Farrah Khan, got thousands people at the Capitol and there are over 500,000 people in DC. So we should at least be able to get 300,000 around this one."

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In 1865, in Mississippi City, Miss., 35-year-old freed slave William Short had his name signed to an oath saying he had not helped the Confederates during the Civil War and he would be a faithful U.S. citizen.

In 1866, in Lowndes County, Miss., 31-year-old Anthony Blair scribbled his "x" mark next to his name agreeing to a labor contract for at least \$80 a year.

These yellowing, crumpling documents from the old U.S. Freedmen's Bureau may be the only proof of these former slaves' existence. Many records remain just on paper, not yet put on microfilm by the National Archives and Records Administration.

A bill introduced by Reps. Juanita Millender-McDonald, D-Calif., and J.C. Watts, R-Okla., would require federal officials to save and catalog these documents.

"If you don't know your history, you're doomed to repeat it," Millender-McDonald said Wednesday at a hearing of a House Government Reform Committee panel. "And if you don't know where you come from you

don't know where you're going. I think our younger generation needs to get some insight as to the historical perspective that these records can afford."

The Freedmen's Bureau operated from 1865 to 1872 following its post-Civil War creation by Congress to help newly freed blacks make the transition from slavery to freedom. It supervised abandoned or confiscated land, issued rations of clothing and medicine, established hospitals, monitored working conditions, recorded marriages and set up schools.

Michael Kurtz, assistant archivist for record services, said the National Archives has 800 filmed rolls of bureau records that were located in the bureau's main office in Washington.

"But, in general, these do not include many records of the local field offices, where most individual freedmen came into contact with the bureau," said Reginald Washington, the agency's expert on African-American genealogy.

Kurtz said it would cost nearly \$15 million to microfilm those records, which run about 1.3 million pages.

Experts said that should be a priority. "Some of the bureau records are now 135

years old and in poor condition," said Tony Burroughs, a professor of genealogy at Chicago State University. "In addition to deteriorating paper, ink is fading from some of the pages and will undoubtedly be a challenge to microfilm."

The records contain more than information on just black slaves, Burroughs said. Slave owners, Civil War veterans, government employees, war refugees, plantation owners, teachers, doctors and anyone who may have dealings with the former slaves were also mentioned, he said.

"The records include African-Americans, white Americans, poor Americans, rich Americans, in fact, all Americans," he said. "Descendants of people named in the records probably now live in all fifty states."

The records also give glimpses into what life during Reconstruction, which has not been as well documented as the Civil War period, said Henry Wienck of the Virginia Foundation of the Humanities.

"The officers of the Freedmen's Bureau recorded the birth of black schools, churches and businesses," he said. "They reported the heroism of blacks and whites who defied the prevailing racism. They noted the struggles of

white families to hold on to their land amid economic chaos. In mundane and seemingly useless files as 'requests for travel expenses,' I found the heartrending appeals of black women seeking funds to travel in search of lost children and spouses."

Wienck also found examples of that prevailing racism.

For example, in Martinsville, Va., a former slave named Caesar was severely beaten by Col. P.H. Hairston, and the evidence was so compelling that nine members of an all-white jury were going to indict Hairston.

"But then a magistrate made a short speech advancing a new legal doctrine: a white man, he said, ought not to be prosecuted for beating a black 'unless in so doing he should disable him,'" Wienck said. "Caesar had survived the attack and stood before the jury in relatively good shape. Colonel Hairston was not indicted."

Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., chairman of the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, said he hopes to have the bill, with a recommendation for the necessary funds for the archives, out of committee by week's end.

International

South Africa: Name changes in store for major cities

By Farah Khan

JOHANNESBURG (IPS) — Many of South Africa's major towns and cities will be renamed to reflect the country's black heritage after local elections slated for November.

Most of the well-known cities like Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg have elected to keep their names for business reasons. Cape Town residents, for example, said that the name was too well known on the global tourist map to change it now.

But the political capital, Pretoria, is in for a change. It becomes Tshwane after the election. A major Eastern Cape city will be renamed Nelson Mandela, while East London has gone for the odd name of Buffalo City.

In the main, most cities and towns have opted to take on African names, a move away from the English and Afrikaner colonial heritage. Thus, Bloemfontein becomes Manguang and Bethlehem will change to Dillabang. Paarlburg becomes Phoselo, and the renowned spa town of Warmbaths will be known as Bela Bela. Nelspruit, the town bordering Mozambique, becomes Mbombela.

The name changes are likely to take some time to be phased in, given the enormity of the task. Official documentation, maps and stationery must all be changed. The private sector is under no obligation to change the names of businesses; transformation is a voluntary exercise.

But South Africans may have an additional wait for the changes if talks between government and traditional leaders this week are unsuccessful. Like many African democracies, South Africa is caught between modernity and tradition.

Traditional leaders complain that the new municipalities do not respect their areas of authority. But the African National Congress (ANC) is confident that democracy and traditional authority can peacefully co-exist.

"Traditional leadership has a place in our country. It can mobilize rural people to participate in rural local governance," says government minister Sydney Mufamadi.

But, he adds, "we cannot redress conditions of poverty in the traditional authority areas by insulating those areas from the democratizing and development impact of the new political dispensation."

Government officials and representatives of the chiefs begin intense discussions on whether the establishment of new municipalities will erode the power of the amakhosi, as the chiefs are known. If the committee finds that it does, then they will seek solutions to the diminished power.

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EDITORIAL

A vote for Corzine is a vote for New Jersey

This year New Jersey voters have a choice for U.S. Senator Jon Corzine. Former Wall Street Banker or Congressman John Franks. John Franks and Jon Corzine both reside in Summit and Union County. While they both live in the same suburban community, they have clearly different views about how they will serve the State.

Jon Corzine is in favor of universal healthcare, equal access and opportunity, increasing the minimum wage, and outlawing racial profiling. He also wants to invest the dividends from the economy into paying down the debt and strengthening social security.

Bob Franks, on the other hand, wants to reduce the tax burden, eliminate the marriage tax, let younger workers invest a proportion of their payroll taxes into the market as his means of strengthening the social security system.

Bob Franks has served New Jersey well as a congressman, Jon Corzine will serve New Jersey better as its Senator.

Jon Corzine is in favor of universal healthcare, equal access and opportunity, increasing the minimum wage, and outlawing racial profiling. He also wants to invest the dividends from the economy into paying down the debt and strengthening social security.

Jon Corzine started his campaign by visiting the cities talking with anyone who would talk to him and listening to the issues. His platform, his staff, and his deeds represent his appreciation for diversity and inclusion. Corzine offers a fresh perspective. He comes from the business world like Senator Lautenberg, and he understands the capital markets and is fluent in the issues that confront urban communities gaining access to capital and the challenges not only of businesses but also minority and women owned businesses. He also understands that it is small businesses who will provide the majority of jobs needed to return our cities to thriving commercial centers. We endorse Jon Corzine for the US Senate because he represents the future of New Jersey.

The battle for diversity: The lines are drawn

By Ted Shaw

Unknown to the majority of African Americans, there is a tremendous battle going on that will determine the manner in which access to higher education, graduate and professional schools is determined throughout the United States. The outcome of this battle could also have a tremendous economic and political impact on minorities.

Prior to the civil rights movement of the 1960s, higher education in most white institutions was unavailable to most African Americans. To the extent it was available, it was on a limited and segregated basis.

As Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., Thurgood Marshall led an effort that strategically eroded the Supreme Court's odious doctrine of "separate but equal," pronounced in Plessy v. Ferguson in 1896, by selectively attacking segregation in public institutions of higher education. His mentor, and the architect of the legal strategy against segregation, was the great African-American lawyer, Charles Hamilton Houston. As the dean of Howard Law School, Houston turned that institution into a factory that produced some of the nation's greatest civil rights lawyers, teaching them that "a lawyer is either a social engineer or a parasite on society."

Houston and Marshall knew that to attack segregation on the elementary and secondary school level would be pure folly. Federal judges were simply not prepared or willing to require young white children to attend schools with Black children.

But on the higher education level, southern states that required segregation by law, or de jure segregation, were vulnerable. Plessy required separate to be equal. It never was. Southern states could not afford or were unwilling to duplicate every university, graduate and professional school program. Sometimes they simply dodged their duty under Plessy by paying to send Black students out of state to programs they did not provide. In most instances, however, they simply denied Black applicants the right to higher education.

In a series of cases, LDF pushed the Supreme Court to require separate but equal programs. Because separate could not be equal for financial reasons, southern states were forced in some instances to admit Black students to white institutions. In 1950, in a case involving the University of Texas Law School, Sweatt v. Painter, the court ruled that segregated law school education could not be equal as a matter of principle.

The erosion of "separate but equal" in higher education set the legal stage for victory in the Brown Board of Education school desegregation case in 1954. That case sounded the death knell for legally sanctioned racial segregation in public education and for the doctrine of "separate but equal" throughout American life.

Legal victories do not automatically translate into victories for social change. Colleges and universities throughout the South remained segregated well into the 1960s. Legal principle had to be augmented by social and political struggle. More litigation, social activism and federal intervention - in some instances, to the point of utilizing armed troops - were necessary before the walls of southern segregation crumbled.

In the North, the late 1960s saw demonstrations and occupations of campus buildings at institutions that, while not segregated by law, were segregated by practice.

As Black students began to attend formerly all-white colleges, universities, and graduate and professional schools in significant numbers, there was an almost immediate backlash. In 1974, the Supreme Court avoided ruling on a "reverse discrimination" claim against the University of Washington Law School by a white applicant named Marco DeFunis because he was provisionally admitted pending the resolution of his lawsuit. By the time the case reached the court, DeFunis was about to graduate and his lawsuit was moot.

While the 1978 Bakke case allowed institutions to make conscious efforts to enroll students of color, it has been under siege by social conservatives from the moment it was decided. That siege continues more and every today. Next: What Bakke said, what institutions did.

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Crossroads canceled season may mean the end of African American theatre in New Jersey

By Kabu Okai-Davies

African Globe TheatreWorks, an affiliate member of the New Jersey Theatre Group and the resident theatre company at Newark Symphony Hall feels compelled to add our voice to the many cries about the sad announcement of the cancellation of the 2000-2001 season of Crossroads Theatre. Our theatre, which is in its sixth season, has received numerous calls from concerned theatre patrons who support both African Globe and Crossroads Theatres. Local press writers have been inquiring about our reaction and opinion on this development and on the future of African American Theatre in New Jersey.

Our official reaction to this announcement has been a sense of disappointment and shock. Like many developing African American based theatre companies and the professional actors who support them, we have evolved looking up to Crossroads with admiration and for inspiration. We have watched in awe the greatness of Crossroads and its significant contribution to African American Theatre.

Theatrical history.

Unfortunately, recent develop-

ments have forced us as African Globe Theatre Group and our choices, tastes and our own realities as a developing theatre company. At this point we all would like to assume the current crisis is temporary and Crossroads would soon reorganize its finances to resume operations as America's leading African American and Tony Award winning theatre company. African Globe TheatreWorks believes whatever happens African American Theatre will continue to flourish in New Jersey. In the absence of a season at Crossroads we are fully aware we have a big void to fill - African Globe will continue with our season.

Our ability to survive without funding over the past five years has been based on living up to the simple principles of functioning within our means and producing plays that speak to the intellectual, emotional and spiritual essence of the African American experience. In our own

little way we have come a long way play by play, growing over the years to

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you get in this business. To a large extent this accounts for the reason why many are disappointed and their high expectations of Crossroads seem to have been shattered. African American theatre executives and artistic directors have a responsibility to apply the same principles of business accountability, entrepreneurial skill and management acumen as we aspire to achieve artistic excellence. We must learn to collaborate more with each other, share resources and go back to the basics of producing good plays that will not overwhelm the company financially. In as much as we seek the social approval and appreciation of the cultural elite, we must not for-

get those in the working class community who supported us during our humble beginnings.

The funding community must also diversify its strategy with regard to how African American Theatres are funded by the state and philanthropic institutions. Other New Jersey based African American theatre companies like the New Theatre Company in Paterson, the Dunbar Repertory Company in Freehold and certainly African Globe TheatreWorks in Newark, deserve the same financial support from corporate sponsors and government arts agencies who have traditionally showered their attention on Crossroads.

The more thriving African American theatre companies we have in New Jersey, the better off we are. For the first time in five and half years in African Globes' history, this year's season has been funded in part with a grant from the Victoria Foundation for our summer theatre and by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation for our mainstage productions.

For more information about African Globe and our ongoing sixth season, please call African Globe Studios (973) 624-1584.

In Yemen: Blacks dyed disproportionately

By Carolyn L. Bennett

The explosion that put a 40-foot hole in the hull of the USS Cole refueling in Yemen last week brought down more of America's working class and colored citizens than it did of those who profit most from Middle East oil. And that troubles me.

Seventeen men and one woman (some reports say two women) died in that explosion. Thirteen hailed from America's South. Five were only 19 years old and seven were between 19 and 21 years old. They were mostly young men not long out of high school, some aspiring to be police officers, others to go to college. Almost 50 percent of the dead sailors were black or people of color.

Six were white, or appeared to be white. But all of them were working-class. The parents of one were reported to be living in a "blue-collar" neighborhood, another's mother was a nursing assistant in an assisted living center. Those descriptions reflect who they were, generally. The dead, according to CNN reports, were operations specialists and firemen and seamen

and electronics technicians and engine men and electronics warfare technicians and information systems technicians.

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I can't help but wonder if the police officers and the college-bound

Sunday morning after the disaster on the Arabian peninsula whether any of the candidates for the U.S. presidency care about remedying a situation that has repeated itself throughout our history: a situation in which young, working-class men and women, people who can't afford a seat in the White House or in the Congress, die, disproportionately, shouldering the load for those who become - or who buy - secretaries of war and leaders of

the free world. Somehow the pettiness of the current presidential campaign pales in the face of the pain and mourning. Seventeen dead, many of whom had barely reached voting age.

I wonder who protected their backs in that faraway port. Where was the U.S. intelligence that should have been protecting their backs? Did it matter to the U.S. elite that these young men were dying? A U.S. admiral once wrote in the USS Cole's home port at Norfolk, Va. was reported as saying, "Port security is a responsibility of the host nation and the port authority." Another UPI story reported that a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, the unit having military authority over the Middle East, said safety risks in a port of call are weighed and a plan response to protect the ship and crew is devised in advance. I guess the high command didn't plan far enough in advance.

From Colombia to Colombia, the 'war on drugs' is a war on poor and black people

By Tom Tumipasee

COLUMBIA, SC — From Colombia, South America to Colombia, South Carolina, the "Drug War" is being exposed by human rights organizations as a fight on war on drugs, but a disastrously effective war on poor South Americans and black citizens of the United States. The phony drug war is being escalated by a president who "didn't initiate" when they entered the joint arena, and it's primarily the Colombians' peasants and racially profiled blacks in the U.S.

This week Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and Washington Office on Latin America called on President Clinton to make the protection of human rights the priority in his meeting with Colombian leaders on August 30. These leading human rights groups released a 43 page document demonstrating how Colombia failed to meet a single human rights condition contained in a \$1.3 billion military aid package that took effect when the military aid we give all the other countries in Latin America combined.

On August 23, Clinton signed a so-called national security interest waiver of human rights conditions placed on the military aid by Congress, and Human Rights Watch said Clinton's action was a "grave mistake" and not only made America complicit in ongoing abuses but risks converting a failed drug war into a disastrous human rights policy.

This past weekend, 23 people lost their lives in Colombia in the Western hemisphere's oldest civil war. According to Human Rights Watch, 35,000 people have been killed and most of them were poor civilians accused by the Colombian Army or right-wing paramilitaries of collaborating with left-wing guerrillas. Recently, 60 armed men entered a poor neighborhood in the town of Ciénaga and dragged 10 residents from their homes on an isolated part of town where they were questioned, then executed.

While poor people are being slaughtered by U.S. armed thugs, The New York Daily News reports that nearly 2 million Colombians have been displaced by the war and 40 percent of Colombia's population now lives abroad. Arturo Sanchez, a Colombian born professor in New York, said that middle class professionals

are leaving the country in droves and that "this may be the beginning of another Vietnam."

Many neutral observers believe "Plan Colombia" is a U.S. State Department devised plan to enter the counter-insurgency war against the left-wing guerrillas in the U.S. tradition of armed intervention in Latin America. But the sudden rise in the strength of the right-wing paramilitaries is alarming some Washington strategists, and reports state that U.S.

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Drug Enforcement Agency agents have offered to pay paramilitary leaders to help them fight the drug trafficking. Colombia's drug production, which is estimated to provide 90 percent of the cocaine consumed in the U.S., has doubled in 5 years as more armed insurgent groups have entered the drug trade to pay for military

As the "War on Drugs" kills and dislocates the poor people of Colombia, in the U.S. it is increasing an alarming disproportionate number of black people. Human Rights Watch released a comprehensive study on June 8 describing the stark racial disparities in drug incarceration. Blacks comprise 13 percent of the U.S. population, but comprise 62 percent of drug offenders in our state prisons. Nationwide, black men are sent to

prison on drug charges at 13 times the rate of white men, although studies reveal that five times as many whites use illegal drugs.

In South Carolina, with a black population of 20 percent, the South Carolina Department of Corrections reported that blacks comprise 86 percent of the drug offenders in our state prisons. Along with most other states those with felony convictions forever lose their right to vote and prospects for good jobs after prison.

The hypocrisy of "didn't initiate" Clinton, "recreational" smoker Gore, and "born again" warrior like George W. Bush, now a fierce drug warrior like his dad, is sickening when we are faced with such unjust and tragic consequences of the "Drug War"

Human Rights Watch suggests solutions to blatant racial and class inequity. States should eliminate racial profiling; repeat mandatory sentencing laws for drug offenders; increase the availability of alternative sanctions; increase the use of drug courts; and increase the availability of substance abuse treatment.

White privilege? Politicians who never spent a day in jail for their illegal substance abuse activities must end the dirty "War on Drugs" that oppresses poor and black people. Can they muster the courage and empathy to advocate such sensible solutions?



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Album Review

Choir sound comes into its own with soul, verve and ministry

As contemporary urban gospel music continues to permeate mainstream music, Natalie Wilson and The S.O.P. Choral are making a joyful noise with their single "Act Like You Know" with guest vocals from LaShawn Daniels and Rodney Jerkins on both urban and gospel stations. Their latest single is off of the highly anticipated debut album *Girl Director* (Gospo Center) due out October 31.

Girl Director modernizes the sounds of the traditional choir, while holding to the true soul of gospel. With the infectious uptempo beat of Calvary to rock-land song The Rock, the album captures the listener's attention and ministers to their soul with a contemporary twist. Other songs on the album include Crown featuring guest vocals by Faith Evans, the gospel choir tinged *Hic*

Rescued Me, will usher you into His presence.

The album is definitely a collaborative effort. Natalie, the first woman to lead a nationally known major label gospel choir, Producer Joe "Flip" Wilson, Natalie's husband, and the 30 singers who make up S.O.P. labor together to bring a spirit-filled, contemporary flavor, transforming album to get God's message across to urban hip hop generation. This is definitely a ministry that has many members but operates as one body.

—Tonya Monteiro, NNPA Staff Writer



Natalie Wilson



NAACP hoping church leaders will mobilize vote

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The NAACP is hoping Mississippi's preachers will use the power of the pulpit to increase voter turnout.

"I've been a pastor for a long time, and I know there is power in the pulpit," said the Rev. Julius Hope, a member of the Detroit branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the group's national director of religious affairs.

Saturday, Hope and ministers from Mississippi and across the country held a kickoff in Jackson as part of a national "Get Out to Vote" effort.

Organizers of the event, dubbed the Mississippi Voter Empowerment Project, had hoped to attract about 1,000 ministers and others to the Crow Plaza hotel in downtown Jackson for a meeting and march to the state Capitol.

However, fewer than 50 attended and the march was canceled.

Vallena Greer, event coordinator, said the slim turnout is a challenge to work harder to get the message out to area churches.

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Pastor Al Edwards

President of National Black Caucus

The goal, Greer said, is to train

ministers and other church work-

ers to mobilize the black commu-

nity and encourage voter turnout

for the Nov. 7 election.

In addition to a lunch and

training sessions on registering

people to vote, participants in the

interdenominational event listened

to speakers including Al Edwards

of Texas.

Edwards, a minister and president

of the National Black Caucus, said

that black voters fail to vote in

this election, it could lead to the

clock being turned back on the

advancements black Americans

enjoy.

"We need to make sure all our

ministers are clear on how critical

this is to black folks," Edwards

said. "The gains made from Dr.

(Martin Luther) King on up hang

in the balance for us to lose."

Jackson resident Addie Green

said she believes the message is

important.

"Too many people died so we

could have our voice heard," said

Green, an NAACP executive board member.

"We can't stand by and let the

wrong people get in place and we

go back to slavery."

Preacher knows homelessness firsthand

By David Perimutt
The Charlotte Observer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Bill Smith is not your typical do-gooder who works for the homeless out of a need to help.

He was homeless himself — hard-core homeless — spending two years in shelters and on the streets of uptown Charlotte until four months ago.

By choice, he says: "So I could work with those folks. And they would trust me to be an advocate who is among their ranks and understands their unique set of problems."

"I view it as a calling from God."

Now Smith, a self-described itinerant preacher, has turned his calling into a ministry that he's named "A Place at the Table." He spends his days talking to many of Charlotte's estimated 5,000 to 8,000 homeless people.

"It's a part of who I am and what I am. I have a sense of duty and obligation to be an advocate for those among my ranks," he said. "I'm not out there screaming from street corners like some street preachers. The homeless don't need any more of that. This ministry tries to provide a compassionate link to the church."

After a trial run, Smith satisfied his supporters that he's serious about his calling, said the Rev. John Boggs, pastor at Sharon United Methodist Church, who helped Smith start his ministry.

He has made contacts throughout the homeless community, taking homeless people to lunch at the uptown Urban Ministry Center, or quietly preaching to

them one-on-one that they can use to bolster their daily survival. He has shared his story with churches, preaching that the homeless "are not faithless and Godless bums."

At the Urban Ministry, 945 N. College St., he led a chapel service for the homeless.

He talked about being knocked down, but getting up again, and using faith to help get through the day.

David Link, homeless for 10 years, finds comfort in Smith's counseling: "The work he is doing is beneficial. Personally, it is comforting to know someone like Bill cares."

Part of Smith's ministry is taking church members on awareness tours of homeless bunks.

"Bill calls it the tour his Homeless 101 course," Boggs said. "He is becoming an expert on what it's like to be homeless. And because he speaks so well publicly, he has shown all of us that homeless people are not to be feared."

Smith's work is supervised by Urban Ministry officials and financed by members of Boggs' church and other churches and a grant from the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

Smith knew as a young boy in Bowling Green, Ky., his life would lead him in this direction.

By the time he was 2, he'd lived in four foster homes and at age 5 was adopted.

Still, he felt abandoned and rootless, though he experienced a normal family life: school, church, donations to the Salvation Army at Christmas.

"By having that family that loved me and gave me a place at the table, I, in turn, felt compelled to give others a sense of that."

In South Charleston, W.Va., in the late 1980s, he lived and worked at a homeless shelter. He was a board member of the West Virginia Coalition for the Homeless when in 1986 he attended a national housing awareness conference in Washington.

"I saw all these homeless people from different states being

advocates for the homeless," said Smith, who attended two years of college, then David Lipscomb preaching college in Nashville, Tenn. "They were running shelters; they were on the boards. They were taking charge of their lives."

He returned to the shelter and was unsuccessful for the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1988. Three years later, married and living in a house, he ran for South Charleston City Council but lost.

Soon he was divorced, and continued his homeless awareness work in Sumter, S.C. In 1997, hearing about Charlotte's homeless and plentiful jobs, Smith rode a bus to the city.

He tried for a security job, but was told he needed a car. Smith has never driven.

He was homeless and for 7 months lived on the street, sleeping on cardboard in a church yard on Tryon Street. For much of his 14 years of homeless work, he's lived in shelters or homes.

He ate many of his meals at the Urban Ministry, the uptown homeless day center, or at churches through the Room in the Inn program, a coalition of churches that feeds the homeless.

That program brought him one night last winter to Sharon United Methodist.

Smith had a full beard then, and was wearing a dirty T-shirt and torn blue jeans. "I looked every bit a homeless person," he said. But he felt a warm reception.

So one Sunday, he walked the six miles from uptown to the church on Sharon Road near SouthPark Mall.

"He decided he wanted to become a member," Boggs said. "Quite a few people were very excited about it, even honored he felt so welcomed. Others weren't so sure: They were asking, 'Well, who is he? Why is he in the situation he's in?'"

Last year, the church needed someone to play Jesus in the Passion Play on Palm Sunday. Smith volunteered.

The Saturday before Palm

Sunday, he came to rehearsal soaked after sleeping in the rain all night. Looking as he did, he stirred onlookers when he spoke Jesus' words: "The poor you will have with you always; and whatever you will, you may do for them."

"That just about knocked me over," Boggs said. "One person who didn't know Bill's circumstances commented after, 'That was a really interesting twist to portray Jesus as a poor person.' I said, 'No, you don't understand. He truly is homeless.' That stopped him in his tracks."

Rehearsal over, Boggs took Smith to lunch and confronted the homeless man whom he deeply admires: "Bill, where do you feel your life is going? Where do you feel you need to go?" Smith told Boggs about his calling.

"The more we talked, the more his calling resonated with my own several years ago," Boggs said.

The pastor and others required Smith to find an apartment before tackling his ministry. Smith gradually moved into a room at Renaissance Place on North Tryon.

"I'm glad I did," he said. "Being homeless is like a full-time job; surviving day to day takes all you've got. I couldn't do what I'm doing now if it was still homeless."

At this point, he is uncertain of his ministry's impact.

"The impact may be felt after I am dead and gone," Smith said. "It probably will."

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Trenton police seek to eliminate gunplay

By James Madrinia
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — With at least 17 shootings in the past two months in the city, Trenton police are prepared to request federal assistance in dealing with gunplay.

Trenton Police Director James B. Golden Jr. said officers will step up background checks and the fingerprinting of legally registered gun owners and use federal laws to target unregistered gun owners and the crimes committed by them.

Golden said charging those arrested for illegally possessing guns under tougher federal laws will be the first step. He has plans to seek help from the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and federal authorities.

Of the 12 murders committed in this city this year, six were the result of gunshots.

Golden also wants to stifle gunplay by reorganizing the department's Proactive Unit and increasing police presence in high crime neighborhoods.

The Proactive Unit is a special operational unit formed division deployed to particular areas when necessary, Golden said. It acts in addition to officers already stationed in an area.

Golden said the majority of gunplay in the city is rooted in drug trafficking.

"In some cases, guns are being traded for drugs," Golden said.

Lt. James Nemeth, head of the city's vice unit, said that a significant factor in gun availability is Trenton's proximity to Pennsylvania. Nemeth told the Times of Trenton for Monday's editions that is common knowledge in the Trenton drug world that guns are easier to get across the river.

"Philadelphia they tried to impose stricter guidelines for background checks on guns and that action was overturned at the state level," Golden said.

Assembly committee OKs bill that would stress abstinence in the teaching of sex education

By Sherry Conohan
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The Assembly Education Committee last Monday approved a bill that would require public schools to stress abstinence in the teaching of any sex education course.

During a hearing on the bill, opponents expressed concern that by stressing abstinence other elements now covered in sex education courses such as the use of "contraceptives might be neglected.

But Assemblyman Joseph R. Malone III, R-Burlington, a committee member, disagreed.

Malone said the bill doesn't prohibit teaching about contraceptives, but only adds abstinence.

"What's wrong with that?" he asked.

Assemblywoman Marion Crecco, R-Clifton, the sponsor of the bill, said abstinence is the only reliable means of avoiding pregnancy and preventing AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

"We teach children to say no to drugs. We teach children to say no to cigarette smoking. We teach children to say no to alcohol," she told the committee. "Why should

n't we teach them to say no to sex?"

The measure, A-792, was passed by a 5-1 vote, with one abstention. The single no vote was cast by Assemblyman Raul "Rudy" Garcia, D-Hudson. Assemblyman Gerald H. Zecker, R-Passaic, abstained. The bill now goes to the full Assembly for consideration.

Peggy Cowan, state coordinator of the New Jersey Physicians Resource Council, supported the bill on behalf of the 260 doctors she represents.

She said teens make up only

10 percent of the population, yet contract 25 percent of the sexually transmitted diseases annually. She said many of those diseases can last a lifetime.

"We consider this bill a common sense approach to sexuality education," she said.

John T. Tomicki, of the League of American Families, also called for passage.

"I believe stressing abstinence will save lives," he said.

But Bear Atwood, speaking on behalf of Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey, said she feared spending so much time on

stressing abstinence would not leave time for the other elements in sex education. She said children need accurate, comprehensive information from family life courses in school.

Ginger Gold, associate director of government relations for the New Jersey Education Association, also opposed the bill. She said it was well-intentioned but unnecessary and could become costly.

She said it will require an extensive review of materials used in sex education classes to make sure they stress abstinence.

Essex county National Organization for Women to host annual conference

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Women of Color and Allies (WOCA) Essex County National Organization for Women of New Jersey will host the annual NOW — NJ State Conference at Rutgers University, Newark Campus.

The focus of the conference will be "The Many Faces of Violence and Racism." The guiding philosophy of the conference will be the necessity for the women's movement to fight racism in all its forms and to place priority on issues that, while affecting all women, are of particular urgency to women, who have been made vulnerable by their race and or class position. The conference will address the needs and concerns of the many, especially women, who have been left out of, and in fact disadvantaged by, the so — called "booming" economy.

The conference workshops will enable us to pursue these priorities and ultimately present proposed action resolutions on: alternative health care, welfare reform/child support, women and AIDS, The Equal Rights Amendment, racial profiling and police brutality, domestic violence, and reproductive choice for

women and girls.

An honorable congressman and member of the Congressional Black Caucus, Donald Payne has been confirmed as a special invited guest speaker who will address viable legislative issues regarding violence and sexism in America.

The keynote speaker, Efiu Nwangaza is a civil/human rights attorney, and educator. Nwangaza is a former executive board member of the National Organization for Women in Washington D.C. She was a delegate for the National African American Women and the Law Network to the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women, NGO Forum in Beijing, China. She also represented the National Conference of Black Lawyers in the Center for Constitutional Rights Delegation to Haiti and is currently active in the National Death Penalty Abolition Advisory Committee. Nwangaza is the Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator for the State of South Carolina.

Among the conference workshop leaders will be Maryann Bey, former candidate for the Newark Board of a, and Lawrence Harris, Executive Coordinator of PCP (People Organization for

Corzine continues to lead Franks in senate race

NEWARK (AP) — With only a few weeks left in the senate race, a new poll finds that almost a quarter of New Jersey's voters remain undecided.

The latest polls released last Wednesday by the Star-Ledger/Eagle-Ton-Rutgers and The New York Times indicate Democrat Jon Corzine remains ahead, but has yet to put the race out of reach.

In the Star-Ledger/Eagle-Ton-Rutgers poll, 45 percent of registered voters said they would vote for Corzine if the election were held today. Thirty-three percent favored Republican Bob Franks, and 22 percent said they were undecided.

A September poll had Corzine leading Franks 47 percent to 32 percent.

Among those considered like-

ly to vote, Corzine is favored by 45 percent. Franks is favored by 37 percent, while 18 percent remain undecided.

Poll director Cliff Zukin said Corzine's record spending campaign has boosted his name recognition far above Franks, but neither candidate seems to have connected with voters.

"All the money he's (Corzine) spent in the last month has had no impact," Zukin said. "He's been unable to close the deal."

The poll brings bad news for Franks as well, Zukin said.

"You can see Franks did not get anything out of the debates. They were a nonevent. No one saw them," Zukin said.

If either candidate wants to make headway in the remaining few weeks, Zukin said, they will have to compete for voters' attention with the World Series and other more prominent campaigns in the area, such as the New York senate race.

The poll results are based on interviews with 500 registered voters between Oct. 12 and Oct. 15. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Charlie Smith, Franks' campaign manager, said the poll numbers show the race is competitive.

"Jon Corzine has spent \$50 million and has a single-digit lead among likely voters," Smith said.

"With three weeks to go and a quarter to a fifth of all voters still to make up their minds, we still expect to be toe-to-toe with Corzine."

Steve DeMico, co-campaign manager for Corzine, said New Jersey voters are traditionally late-deciders.

You can see Franks did not get anything out of the debates. They were a nonevent. No one saw them.

Cliff Zukin
Poll Director

"Voters are getting Jon's message and largely embracing it. What you see is an indication that voters remain open — fully a quarter of them," DeMico said.

In the poll by The New York Times, 45 percent of likely voters said they favor Corzine, compared with 33 percent for Franks.

The poll indicated that New Jerseyans don't seem to care about Corzine's record campaign spending. Forty-four percent said they were not bothered by candidates who spend their own money on their campaigns.

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International Feature

The cost of technology in Zimbabwe

By Lewis Machipisa

HARARE, Zimbabwe (IPS) — Although a lot of business is being conducted using modern communication technologies, Zimbabwe's small-scale enterprises still relies on traditional communication methods.

But the situation may be set for change, owing to a new initiative called Business InfoBus, launched by the Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG), Southern Africa's Information Communication Technologies for Sustainable Livelihoods (ICTs) project, which considers information a vehicle for empowerment.

Through a research study, ITDG found that small-enterprise sectors in both rural and urban areas are still using traditional communication technologies such as "snail mail" (written letters posted in mail boxes).

The growth of the information superhighway and the cost of the equipment needed to run it have created an increasingly large gap between the large to medium-scale enterprise sector and the small-scale enterprise sector.

ITDG claims to be a leader in the area of appropriate technology development.

"While more people are now using modern communication technologies such as the Internet, because of the huge cost of the equipment needed to access these technologies they have been mainly used by people in the developed world and by large scale enterprises and the wealthy in the South," says ITDG.

Traditional communication methods are also costly and inadequate at a time when information needs to move fast and efficiently.

"For an entrepreneur setting up business in the rural areas for example, just finding out how to buy raw materials can be a big problem. Mail can take a long time to arrive, and there may not be a post office close by," says ITDG.

"Television and radio may not be an option if there is no electricity or the airwaves do not reach the area," says ITDG.

The Business InfoBus will help to bridge the information gap by providing the small enterprise sector with access to modern information communication tech-

nologies, assisting them with marketing of their products and identification of markets using the Internet technology.

The small-enterprise sector will be linked up with financial, and technical institutions.

"Considering that most of the information that comes through the Internet is in English, the ICT's project will simplify or translate information," says Muroro Dziruni, ITDG's marketing head.

Since it is on wheels, the Business InfoBus will be moving around the city and will also be launched in the rural areas.

"This initiative comes from the realization that information is an important component to the growth of small enterprises," says Dziruni.

"Installation of ICTs can be expensive to invest in as an individual, so it requires community ownership participation in order to be successful," says Dziruni.

But for the small-scale enterprise sector and the rest of the country's population to fully enjoy the benefits of ICTs, Zimbabwe has to first get the basics right. There is no electricity in much of the rural areas where more than three-quarters of the people live.

The roads are bad while schools and hospitals are very few.

The majority of the people may never be able to afford a computer.

In Zimbabwe, for example, the cost of the most affordable computer is the equivalent of a year's income of those earning a minimum wage. They are in the majority.

Just as in much of Africa, most Zimbabweans have never made a telephone call let alone used the Internet. Statistics from the Technology Center for Africa show that only two countries, Seychelles and South Africa, have more than one percent of its population using the Internet.

Less than 1 percent of people in Africa use the Internet, yet the continent has 12 percent of the world's population.

Half of the world's people, three billion, have never made or received a telephone call.

Yet Manhattan alone in the city of New York has more phones than all those combined in sub-Saharan Africa.

Building a Newark tradition African American masquerade ball set for Oct. 28

NEWARK—"Building a Tradition" has been the cornerstone of the African American community. This tradition continues on Oct. 28, when Newark, Symphony Hall's, Terrace Ballroom will again, be transformed into a magical world of mystery and intrigue as the African American Heritage Parade Committee presents the Fourth Annual Masquerade Ball—a gala evening filled with elegance, music, song, dance and an exquisite menu.

The African American Heritage Masquerade Ball Committee, sub-committee of AAHPC, Inc., is hosting the Masquerade Ball (Fourth Annual Fall Extravaganza) on Oct. 28, at the Newark Symphony Hall. This will be a gala evening filled with elegance, music, song, dance and an exquisite reception. Newark's own legendary Escorts and the fabulous Brothers 2 + 2 Band will highlight the event, with dancing in the Terrace Ballroom.

The Honorable Donald Tucker will receive our coveted Pyramid Award for Lifetime Achievement. The committee is seeking support and participation in this event whose proceeds will help underwrite the 22nd Anniversary of the African American Heritage Statewide Parade.

Donald Bernard, Sr., chairman of the Parade Committee said "the Honorable Donald Tucker has served his community, state and country for the past 40 years in public service. He has been a warrior for the common man and has championed causes, initiatives and legislation to benefit the poor and disenfranchised."

"Donald's work speaks for itself. His legacy is expansive heralding the founding of the Black Issue Convention and The Center, (a multi-purpose community facility) he was also critical to the lifeline of the Black Heritage Day Parade Committee during difficult times," he said. "We are proud to present Assemblyman and Councilman Donald Tucker with this year's Pyramid Award for Lifetime Achievement."

At the Ball, mask couples dressed in formal attire—Sons and Ladies and Distinguished Gentlemen—will



dance on the Terrace Ballroom floor to the smooth sounds of Just Us who will provide a musical tribute to the night's honoree. Others may choose to enjoy the fabulous performance of The Bradford Hayes Quartet during the reception hour. Guests will have the opportunity to experience the entire complex.

Our effort is "Building a Tradition." A tradition which will serve as a reliable cornerstone in the enhancement of pride, dignity and style in our community.

The African American Community has been a major purchaser of your goods and services. This initiative provides you with an opportunity to give back, and become part of an exciting and historical milestone. Symphony Hall built in 1925 is registered on both the State of New Jersey and National Historic Register and is celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

This fun and fantastic event at Symphony Hall will be an uplifting evening for everyone. Professional and business associations, civil rights organizations, fraternity and sorority members, social and community groups and individuals from all parts of New Jersey will be in attendance.

The presence of this mosaic of members from the African-American community is a celebration of our legacy. The theme "Building a Tradition" serves as

the basis for enhancing the pride, dignity and style in our community.

Proceeds from the ball will help to underwrite next year's statewide African

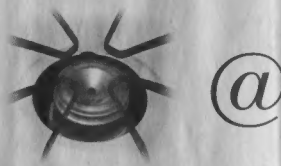


Donald Bernard, Sr., Chairman of the African American Heritage Parade Committee.

African Heritage Parade, which celebrates its 35th Anniversary Reunion. Each year, the ball will provide an opportunity for individuals to give back to the community and become a part of an exciting and historical milestone.

Tickets for the event can be obtained by calling (973) 642-5051 or toll free (888) 227-5596 and are available for a \$75 donation.

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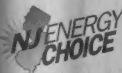
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Newark teachers are putting in hours

Sharpening the sword is what Newark teachers will be doing on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Arts High from 8 - 1 p.m. thanks to the Delta Pi chapter of The National Society of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

To help teachers fulfill the requirement of 100 hours of in-service workshops over 5 years. The local teachers organization sponsors workshops every October. For each workshop attended, teachers receive a certificate.

"You hope we leave more as partners. We want to form a partnership of the groups that interact with children. People will have a chance to understand what teachers come across in a day," said Gwendolyn Watts, chairperson for the teach-o-rama and a teacher at Mt. Vernon Elementary school in Vailsburg section of Newark.

Highlights of the teach-o-rama include: a workshop by the Division of Youth and Family Services. Watts said that she hopes to "remove a big cloud between" the two groups, noting the rift between the agency and teachers based on accusations from students.

"It's taken a couple of months to prepare and were looking forward to the event," said Watts. Pat Richardson, will work with the Literacy Department of the Newark Board of Education, to host a workshop on literacy every year. Deborah Terrell, principal of Harriet Tubman Elementary in Newark, will give "strategies for a successful year" with new teachers.

"The young teachers are so overwhelming. They learn the content in college, but not the other things," said Watts.

Teachers from several school districts throughout the region including Philadelphia and New York will be participating in the teach-o-rama.

Teachers can get something out of the day as well. J. Wilkins, a Mt. Vernon teacher, Deborah Irving, a Mt. Vernon Princess Towle, Weequeah English Department Chairman, will host a 3-hour workshop on passing all exit exams.

There are currently 55 members in the Delta Pi, 40 of which are Newark teachers and others from Jersey City and Paterson.

Gore 2000

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parents of about one in five African-American children have to sit up at night and worry about how to pay the bill if their kids get sick. I am committed to bring access to fully affordable health coverage to every child and parent in this nation by the end of the next Presidential term.

We cannot rest until we make a real, enforceable Patients' Bill of Rights the law of our land — one that gives the medical decisions back to doctors, nurses, and families.

We must honor our fathers and our mothers, and make an iron-clad commitment to Medicare and Social Security. Without Social Security two thirds of African American Seniors would live in poverty. Medicare ensures that nearly three and a half million African American seniors have health care. These programs are lifelines - we need to strengthen and sustain them, not put them at risk with misplaced fiscal priorities.

And we must work to bring our nation closer to the ideals expressed by our founders. When James Byrd is dragged to his death behind a pickup truck in Texas because of his skin color, when a man in Pennsylvania opens fire and kills a black man or a Jewish woman, an Indian man, and two Asian men, how can it be argued that hate crimes aren't different from all other crimes? We need to recognize that hate is different, and we need to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act into law.

Also, as the first civil rights act of my administration, I will take steps to end the discriminatory practice known as racial profiling.

I want to work for an America where we banish discrimination and hatred not just from our laws, but from our institutions and habits as well.

These are challenges our nation has struggled with since its earliest days. Today, we have the chance to create the America we have long sought. We can improve our children's schools — and improve the health of these children and their parents and grandparents. We can preserve and strengthen Social Security and Medicare. We can invest more in our inner cities — and clean up toxic waste in our neighborhoods. We can do more to punish and prevent crimes of hate. And we can do it all right now — if only we have the strength and courage to act.

I ask you to join with me, and fight with me. You can become a fighter too by being sure to vote on November 7th. Together, we win not only the presidency, we can bring America to the mountaintop of our ideals.

Meet the ladies of Jack and Jill

ESSEX COUNTY, N.J. — Forty-eight women residing in communities throughout the greater Essex County area were recently inducted into Jack and Jill of America, Inc. at a formal initiation ceremony held at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club in South Orange, N.J.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a national non-profit organization whose objectives include: creating a medium of contact for children that stimulates growth and development; providing a constructive, educational, cultural civic, recreational and social program, and supporting local and national activities through volunteerism and fund-raising.

The Greater Essex County Chapter of Jack and Jill has been in development since summer 1998. The group includes mothers who reside in Montclair, South Orange, West Orange, Essex Fells, Livingston and Summit, N.J.

"A little more than two years ago, a group of African-American mothers decided to form an organization to provide a variety of constructive, educational, recreational, social and cultural programs for their children," said Paula Tuffin, chapter president. The group organized in Montclair, and conducted meetings under the name the New Jersey Community Youth Group (NJCYG), an interest group of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. "We worked under the sponsorship and guidance of the local North Jersey chapter of Jack and Jill; we submitted a formal request to become a chapter, and we performed all the requirements set by the national body of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.," added Tuffin.

The NJCYG elected a slate of officers, formed committees, developed constitutional by-laws,

and formed six "playgroups" for more than 84 children, as well as sanctioned a Fathers Auxiliary. Children's programming efforts included age-appropriate activities that ranged from clothing drives and gift baskets for charity to museum and theater trips; from bowling and skiing to book discussions, and an etiquette brunch. They also hosted family picnics and a Kwanzaa celebration.

The fledgling mothers' group met all organizational criteria, obtained required approvals, and was granted an official charter designation and provisional chapter status at the national conventional held in Charlotte, NC.

Tuffin will hold the office of president for the next two years. Other officers of the Greater Essex County Chapter include: Crystal Mullins, first vice-president; Ayo Sanderson Wilson, second vice-president; Robin Baker, recording secretary; Sheila Butler, corresponding secretary; Cheryl Crawford, treasurer; Kathy Weaver, financial secretary; Alexis Ellison, historian and editor, and Kimberly Goode, parliamentarian.

Greater Essex County is the twelfth such chapter to be chartered in New Jersey and joins forces with the Eastern Region of the national organization. One of seven regions, the Eastern Region has 50 chapters throughout Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Northern Virginia, Washington, DC and New Jersey.

With more than 200 chapters throughout the United States, Jack and Jill members are all mothers of children ages two through 19 years. Current national membership includes more than 30,000 members. Founded in 1938 in Philadelphia, the group's motto is "Let's work, let's play, let's live

together."

"Nationally, the aims of Jack and Jill are to aid mothers in learning more about their children by carefully study and to seek for all children, the same advantages which we desire for our own," said Dr. Catherine Collins, national vice president of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. "We also support all national legislation aimed at bettering the conditions of all children."

In addition to Dr. Collins, Charn Floyd, Eastern Regional treasurer, Evelyn Davis, Eastern Region secretary/treasurer and Barbara Martin, Eastern Regional protocol chair, traveled to South Orange to conduct the 50-year old formal initiation ceremony. After the completion of the rites, the group extended its official status as the Greater Essex County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

"We are indeed excited about the mothers of the Greater Essex County Chapter becoming the newest members of the Jack and Jill family," said Ms. Floyd. "They truly have shown the steadfast commitment required of them to develop a chapter. And it is because of their obvious dedication that we are expecting great things from these mothers and their children."

Through the years, Jack and Jill has supported various foundations and service organizations with large financial contributions, including the March of Dimes, the American Red Cross the United Negro College Fund, NAACP Legal Defense Fund and Africa.

The national organization has a philanthropic unit created exclusively to support education, literacy, artistic and charitable projects.

Africa

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concerted global response to the AIDS epidemic. It was said to have been Gore who urged the President to issue a formal apology for US inaction during the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

Both candidates have supported increasing trade opportunities with Africa, but neither has expressed a willingness to commit resources or personnel towards humanitarian intervention or conflict resolution.

In a written response to a questionnaire sent out to presidential candidates earlier this year by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Gore pledged his commitment to economic cooperation with African nations as a way of promoting human rights.

"I strongly support our administration's efforts to expand trade and investment opportunities in Africa," he replied. "I applaud and support our initiatives like the 'New Africa Investment Fund,' which supports private investment in vital infrastructure."



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Legends in their own lifetimes

Only time will tell who will be remembered in the history books and folklore as real American heroes and heroines. Hopefully the legendary and historically significant contributions of Senator Shirley Chisholm and Senator Wynona Lipman will not fade from our collective consciousness.

Chisholm honored as chair of center for women in politics at Rutgers University

By Keimigh Sirls

It seems Shirley Chisholm has built a life and career on being first. She was the first African American woman to serve in the U.S. Congress from 1968 to 1983; and the first African American woman to run for president of the United States in 1972.

She also served as a New York State Assemblywoman from 1964 to 1968, and has been a longtime advocate for black people, women, and children.

Among her many honors Chisholm was recently named the Sen. Wynona Lipman Chair in Women's Political Leadership at Rutgers University's Center for American Women in Politics.

Chisholm, who is of Jamaican descent, was born on Nov. 30, 1924, in Brooklyn, New York, and as a child lived with her grandparents. She explained that it was her grandmother who helped to install a deeply ingrained sense of self-confidence within her. She was a teacher from 1946 until 1952, when she became the director of a nursery school.

In 1970, she was appointed to the Committee of Organization Study and Review, which recommended reforms in the selection of committee chairs.

In her first term, Chisholm joined a bipartisan coalition of 13 representatives introducing legislation that would end the military draft and create an all-volunteer force. She also called for an end to British arms sales to South Africa and to discrimination in the hiring practices of food store chains and automobile manufacturers. An early proponent of increased day-care programs, Chisholm proposed funding increases to expand the hours of child-care facilities and expand such services to middle-class and low-income families, constituencies for whom she regularly fought during her seven terms in the House of Representatives.

On Jan. 25, 1972, Chisholm declared her candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. She campaigned extensively throughout the country, frequently making stops in the Deep South where her reception was not so welcoming.

Some hated her for what was at the time a radical stance.

"I was about change. I knew I couldn't be president... but the door had been left ajar for blacks and women to run for the highest office of America," Chisholm said. "I saw myself as a catalyst for change."



During a recent tour of New Jersey, Sen. Shirley Chisholm (top and bottom) performs as guest lecturer to students at Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

There were several assassination attempts during the tour, she said. One man, she recalled, tried to stab her, but through the power of her convictions and determination to change the status quo, she not only convinced the man to stop his attempt, but for several years afterward, the would-be assassin donated money to her favorite charity.

"Racism is deeply imbedded in the blood stream of America," she said.

She entered the primaries in 12 states, winning 28 delegates and receiving 152 first-ballot votes at the convention.

"Become involved" — that phrase just rang in my head," she said to a captivated audience at the university. "I had to get involved. I did not know there were limitations to my involvement if you were black and female. Sexism and race — the double jeopardy that were working full time to stop me ascension."

The 75-year-old Chisholm recently chastised the New Jersey Legislature for the lack of women represented there. "This is a Northern state, and we are moving into the 21st century — how dare they not recognize that women must play a role in politics."

Chisholm has continued to teach and write and was invited to serve as ambassador to Jamaica by President Clinton.



Rutgers University honors the late Senator Lipman



Born in Georgia, the late Senator Wynona Lipman became the first woman to every serve in the New Jersey Senate, the fact that she was also the first African American to ever break down those barriers also marked her as a very strong-willed and determined individual. Those were the traits that Mayor Sharpe James of Newark remembers about Lipman.

Sharpe, who replaced Lipman in the state Legislature after she passed away in May of 1999, recalls that of all the Democrats in the Senate, she was the only one who had any chance of persuading a staunch Republican on the other side of the aisle to vote with her. "She never lost her dignity... never lost her roots," he said. "People knew she wasn't about politics, but about principle."

Lipman was a longtime New Jersey lawmaker who championed the rights of women and children, and has been honored with the establishment of the Sen. Wynona Lipman Chair in Women's Political Leadership at the Center for American Women and

Politics (CAWP), a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers.

Lipman earned a doctorate from Columbia University and was named a Fulbright Scholar to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. At the time of her death, she was an associate professor at Essex County College in the divisions of Business and Political Science.

She sponsored groundbreaking legislative initiatives, including some of the toughest domestic violence laws in the country, as well as legislation for minority and women-owned businesses, AIDS treatment and prevention, affirmative action, pay equity, treatment of prison inmates, child-support enforcement, child-care regulation and low-income housing.

Lipman served Newark for 27 years. She was the founder and longtime chair of the Legislature's Commission on Sex Discrimination in the Statutes, a bipartisan panel that examined the state's laws for sex discrimination and proposed remedies.

Honor their legacy and vote on Nov. 7

—A message from the publishers of City News

Opportunity is knocking

Discover card launches search for exceptional high school juniors

RIVERWOODS, ILLINOIS — Discover Financial Services and the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) are once again searching for exceptional high school juniors in the United States.

Since 1991, the Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship program has been recognizing and rewarding high school juniors who have demonstrated excellence in many areas of their lives — not just academics.

This year marks the program's 10th anniversary. Nearly \$1.5 million (a \$500,000 increase from last year) is available to high school juniors nationwide. Nine scholarships are being offered in each of the 50 states and the District of

Columbia, plus nine national awards — over 460 scholarships in all.

To be eligible, a student must be currently enrolled as a junior in an accredited public or private high school in the U.S.; have a cumulative 2.75 GPA; and plan to continue their education or training in any accredited institution of higher learning.

The Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship application packets are currently being distributed to high schools throughout the United States. Students can also download an application by going online at www.discovercard.com/tribute.htm; request an application at www.aasa.org/dtscover.htm; calling (703) 875-0708; or write to AASA at P.O. Box 9338, Arlington, VA 22219.

All completed applications must be received by January 12,

2001, 5 p.m. ET.

State and national Tribute Award winners will be announced on May 21, 2001.

Nickelodeon and NabiscoWorld.com offer kids a ghoulish good time

PARSIPPANY, NJ — NabiscoWorld.com (<http://www.NabiscoWorld.com>) and Nickelodeon.com have teamed up to bring kids educational fun this Halloween season. With the Nick or Treat Haunted House Hunt, "Nick or Treaters" can play a ghoulish game of peek-a-boo as they hunt and haunt for their favorite Nickelodeon characters. "Halloween is an all-time

favorite holiday among kids and we all know how much they love computer games," said Silvio Bonvini, director of online development for Nabisco, Inc. The Nick or Treat Haunted House Hunt provides just the kind of spooky fun that kids adore and it is all just a click away.

To play the Nick or Treat Haunted House Hunt, simply log on to NabiscoWorld.com. "Nick or Treaters" click on doors and windows to match up identical pairs of their favorite Nickelodeon characters and delicious Nabisco snacks. To score the most points, match all the characters with their treats in the fewest number of turns possible. Featuring three levels of play — easy, medium and hard — the Nick or Treat Haunted House Hunt offers eerie Halloween fun for all ages.

Free college fair open to Newark area students

NEWARK — A college fair for high school students will take place on Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PSE&G building, 80 Park Place, room 206. Representatives from leading historically black colleges and universities as well as colleges and universities from metropolitan New Jersey and the Eastern Seaboard will be available to meet area high school students.

The event is sponsored by Trinity and St. Philip's Episcopal Cathedral. For more information call the cathedral at (973) 622-3505.

Area artist has a chance of a lifetime with test

NEWARK — The Newark Arts Council (NAC) announces the creation of AnSart, a program designed to provide funding for new arts projects in the city of Newark. A call for proposals has gone out to Newark-area artists and community organizations interested in designing projects in the visual and performing arts. Approximately 15 grants will be made in amounts between \$500 and \$4000.

Deadline for applications is Nov. 22 with results of a 12-member selection panel to be announced in early February. Projects should be designed to be completed within 12 months of the funding date. Applications and AnSart guidelines are available from the Newark Arts Council, 17 Academy St., Suite 1104, Newark, NJ 07102 or by calling NAC at (973) 643-1625.

Horoscope

Aries: Starting from Thursday begin putting into practice the words you hear from within the week. Smile first, to signify your happiness in receiving the message. Don't try to translate the message into language. Simply enjoy the mood, knowing that it is speaking of wonderful aspects of you. Affirmation: The most wonderful part of me need not be translated into words.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 19, 29

Taurus: During this week you'll get a chance to be the stabilizing force. You've played that role before.

Feel those creative vibes. They're for real. If you've rested well and are refreshed, creativity will flood through you this week. It'll make you flexible, agreeable and understanding. It's your option how you're going to use creativity to benefit yourself and others. Affirmation: I am a mood master.

Lucky Numbers: 20, 30, 41

Gemini: Get in touch with someone with whom you've shared a lot in the past. You more than any others know the value of the past. Your problem has always been creating fresh

starts. Starting clean without the past hanging on is certainly impossible for you this week. However, by seeing the past in a new light you can bring freshness to the present and future. Affirmation: Past hardships are steppingstones to a joyous present.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 28, 33

Cancer: This is a good week to be in love. You know how to do it when you want to. "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," Frankie Lyman used to sing. The real fools are those who do not fall. Life is a school and love is its best teacher. Your vibes are calling to you this week, to think fondly of all the love you are now giving and have given. Love itself makes you a better you. Affirmation: I find glory in the rich emotions of my life.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 16, 48

Leo: They're piling it on, yes. You've done your share, yes. But still feel good about yourself because of your ability to work hard. Results are important to you this week and you may not see how your work is getting you to where you want to go. Look deeply into what you are doing and find joy in doing it for its own sake.

Affirmation: What I do is valuable just because I am who I am.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 26, 38

Virgo: The work that is there for you to do can be transformed into a labor of love simply by a shift in your attitude. Going it alone is not what you most prize, but you might have to find joy in solitary tasks this week. Be two people — the one doing the job and the one keeping the door company. Promote a conversation between the two while the job is being done. Affirmation: I am my own good friend.

Lucky Numbers: 21, 30, 48

Libra: Keep your emotions from short circuiting something that you have been planning for a while. Electric light is produced by generators that are sometimes underground. This week think of your personal spiritual power as a hidden generator giving light even to those who take your existence for granted. Affirmation: I find self-acceptance as a hidden source of light.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 17, 21

Scorpio: Your own vibration is extremely strong and so this is an excellent time for you to look for a per-

son with whom you can form "the odd couple" this week. An alliance with someone very different than you are will add what you are missing. It can only be brought by someone who thinks very differently than you do. Affirmation: I open myself up to an attraction of opposites.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 12, 22

Sagittarius: This is a good week for you to get in touch with your basic nature. If you've gotten deeply into your personal vibrations over the last two weeks, you've noticed that your leadership abilities have been needed in a wide variety of activities. You can extend the range by being modest, by seeming not to want to lead. Affirmation: People laugh when I say I don't want to be in charge.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 10, 38

Capricorn: Others will be drawn to you at a time when you feel yourself pulling away from them. It's your sense of spiritual freedom that makes you so attractive this week. It's your ability to embrace the future now that makes others want to be with you. The bright picture of what has not yet

unfolded gives you your glow. Affirmation: The more I think about time-to-come the brighter I am now.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 14, 22

Aquarius: Spend as much time as you can in social settings this week. People will wonder about you this week. The mystique created by your smile will make them ask: "what's up?" When you tell them you don't know, they'll think that you do know. Your ability to enjoy without knowing is key to your charm. Affirmation: I am amused by the riddle of life if I remember it is all good.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 28, 31

Pisces: Your intuitive feelings about things are likely to be more accurate than your long-reasoned conclusions.

This is a good week to examine your connection with others. Ego vibrations are not as firm and so the extended self is more evident. Family, friends, workplace, community, nation, humankind will all seem a part of you. Use the time to appreciate all of these. Affirmation: I give thanks for my link to people.

Lucky Numbers: 34, 38, 55

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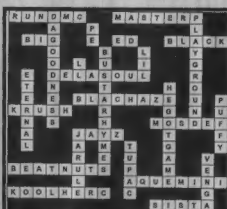
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- This was Michael Jordan's nickname when he played for the Barons
- He's the original "Mambo King"
- Jazz vocalist Downing

NBA player

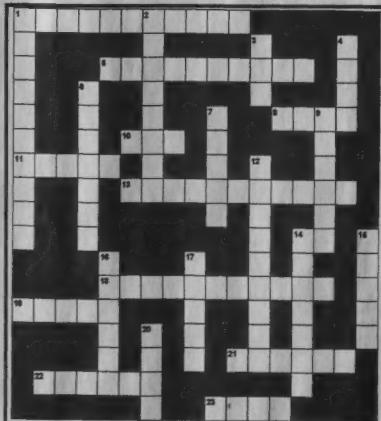
- Joe Frazier defeated this man to become world champ in 1970
- A rhythmic expression of feelings or ideas

Solution to last week's puzzle



Down

- He's the publisher of Black Enterprise magazine
- This Medal has been awarded annually by the NAACP since 1915
- Famous boxing promoter King
- He wrote the jazz classic, "It Don't



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A message from The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Christine Todd Whitman, Governor



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Former ex-Destiny's Child members are looking for singers for new group

Attention all singers: Latavia and LaTasha, former members of Destiny's Child, are looking for a lead singer to complete their new group on Arista Records.

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On TV

'Nature' series examines life of the Octopus

NEW YORK — A new age of ocean exploration is lifting the veil of mystery shrouding a creature of legend — the octopus. Dreaded by sailors through the ages, this otherworldly looking denizen of the seas is surrendering the astonishing secrets that have brought it almost mythical status.

With footage of octopus species rarely, if ever, seen before including one with giant eyes and another with antennae in place of suction cups. Thirteen/WNET New York's "Nature" series takes viewers into the deepest realms of the ocean for a front-row view of "The Octopus Show," premiering Sunday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. (ET) on PBS. Actress and singer Shari Belafonte narrates. In the series, cinematographer Michael deGruy focuses on the octopus with an unparalleled level of commitment and passion.

There are more than 250 known species of octopus, a word that literally means eight-footed. Because they are among the most adaptable of creatures, octopuses thrive in almost every sea on earth. They display extraordinary physical abilities that no other sea animal can match, including the power to radically alter their shape, color and texture at will. In addition, the octopus is considered to have one of the most advanced brains in the animal world.

To fully convey the talents of the

octopus, deGruy not only filmed underwater in locations around the world but also constructed an "octopus gymnasium" a specially designed series of plexiglass aquaria that affords observers a view of octopus behavior that's virtually impossible to capture in a totally natural habitat.

In waters near Australia's Great Barrier Reef, deGruy filmed a member of the octopus species, which can change not only the color, but also the shape and texture of its skin — a trait useful to evade predators and snare prey of its own.

In fact, octopuses are endowed with hundreds of thousands of color cells called chromatophores, as well as reflective cells and iridophores, which mimic tiny mirrors and create a color pattern that ranks among the most stunning visual displays in the animal world.

deGruy's camera tracks cyanea as it forages on a reef flat, feeling its way across cracks and crevices. Its suckers sensitive enough to actually taste what they touch. Once a prey has been targeted, either by touch or sight (octopuses are blessed with remarkable vision), it unfurls its web, the delicate-looking but impenetrable membrane between its arms, and ensnares a crab in a deadly grip.



Movie Review

'Ladies Man' is far-fetched flop

By Kam Williams

For some reason, Saturday Night Live (SNL) creator Lorne Michaels continues to flesh out his television show's skits into full-length features, despite a string of forgettable flops such as *Superstar*, *A Night at the Roxbury*, *Pat*, *Stuart Saves His Family* and so forth. But none of these sorry stretch-o-matics has been more fleshly than *The Ladies Man*, a laugh-an-hour "comedy" about a horny radio talk-show therapist whose only advice for his female callers is to mate with him.

The film stars SNL cast-member Tim Meadows in the title role as the ever-arousing and irresistible Leon Phelps, a lispng, retarded alcoholic with a bright smile. The fully-engorged stud has his pick of a cast stocked with a bevy of beauties including Karyn Parsons (spoiled Hilary on TV's *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*) and Tiffani Amber Thiesen (naughty Valerie on TV's *Beverly Hills 90210*).

Leon, sporting garish Seventies garb and a retro afro, makes the monomaniacal swoon simply by showing his mammoth erection. When this buck pulls down his pants, stand back! Notice how I keep referring to Leon's anatomy. Isn't it annoying? Okay, now picture two hours straight of big penis references and you've figured out *"The Ladies Man."* I suppose when you stretch an SNL skit, then a stretched SNL skit is what you get. So, we shouldn't expect much from this one-trick pony, even if it is a well-hung one trick pony.

Dead on arrival, this stuff was directed by Harvard-trained writer/director/producer Reginald Hudlin (*House Party*). It has not been lost on this reviewer that, whether by divine intervention or by sheer coincidence, *The Ladies Man* was released opposite Spike Lee's *Bamboozled*. The protagonist

in Spike's film is a Harvard-trained African American Hollywood writer who knows better, but makes it big by producing patently offensive, anti-black material, anyway. Hudlin, in *The Ladies Man*, trades precisely in the coon stereotype bemoaned in *Bamboozled*. Thus, it will be fascinating to compare the box-office results for these two diametrically-opposed movies.

Here, at the point of departure, the shiftless Leon is thrown off the air for overuse of suggestive words like "throbbing" and "pulsating." Unemployed, he proceeds to fritter away his days, drinking and mating indiscriminately. Before exposing his imposing package to his prey, he seduces them back at a seamy pickup lines like, "I'd like to take a bite out of your butt," or "It looks like somebody took two bars and shoved them down your pants."

Misogynistic Leon, who has less respect for women than he has for himself, lives on a houseboat christened "Skankuary." Yet, for some never-explained reason, Leon is loved from afar by Julie (Ms. Parsons) his innocent assistant who secretly harbors a crush on the spewy spermator.

There is a stupid subplot which explains the presence of Meadows' fellow SNL ensemble Will Ferrell whose "kiss of death" presence has denigrated such disasters as *Dick*, *Drowning Mona*, *Superstar* and *A Night at the Roxbury*, and there's no explaining Billy Dee Williams who looks lost in an interminable cameo as a gigolo of a bartender.

Do what you want, but take it from me, it's hard not to feel angry after what's two hours.

Rated R for repeated big penis and scatological references, sexual situations and brief nudity.

Book Review

Barbara Neely keeps black mystery genre alive

Blanche Passes Go
By Barbara Neely
Viking Press, 272 pages

By Junious R. Stanton

Barbara Neely who has gained fame and fortune as a writer of the Blanche series "Blanche On The Lam," "Blanche Among the Talented Tenth" and "Blanche Cleans Up"—has released the latest in the series "Blanche Passes Go." While the novels she writes are categorized as mysteries, Neely does not consider herself a mystery writer per se. Rather, she uses her heroine as a means to examine the issues of race and class in America and poke fun at the absurdity of it all.

Blanche is a brown-skinned, middle-aged, full-figured sista who refuses to use a straightening comb, eschews organized religion and the pretensions of class. Neely's style has gained followers around the country because her character is feisty, opinionated and resourceful. Blanche touches an empathetic nerve; her persona resonates something within them. People seem to enjoy Blanche's self-assuredness, her uncompromising way of handling the vicissitudes of life and the situations in which she finds herself.

Ms. Neely has won numerous prestigious awards for her writing. She is one of a select few African-American novelists who have been successful in the mystery genre and whose character has taken hold on the imaginations of the public. Interestingly enough, Neely didn't start writing professionally until she was in her mid-thirties. Originally she wrote and published short stories subsequently switching to writing novels. While attempting to sell a sample of her work, she mentioned she was writing an African-American murder mystery. The editors asked for that and the rest, as they say is history. Neely's writing and character took the industry by storm. She was awarded the prestigious Agatha, Macavity and Anthony awards upon the publication of her first book *Blanche On The Lam*. "I started writing and publishing short stories and then started writing a novel that is now buried somewhere in the middle of my basement. In the middle of working on that novel I started playing around with this character Blanche and thought I'd like to write something about race and class that was funny, but for a good part of the book I was just doing it for my own amusement. Then I got a letter from an editor and an agent both asking me if I was working on a longer work. I told them that the novel which I thought was going to be the great

African American novel and at the end I sort of mentioned about this other thing I was playing around with. They both wrote me back about the other thing so the Blanche books moved to the front of the cue. The first Blanche book, "Blanche On The Lam" did very well, won three of the four major mystery awards and there have been three since," Shared Neely.

Despite her focus on race, class and gender issues Neely is very popular among the African-American community. "I think it's the class part that gets lots of non-Black people, at least from what audience say and what I get in fan mail. I think Blanche strikes a cord with people who do invisible work, you know you work for the garbage company, you flip hamburgers, you're a secretary somewhere, all those sorts of jobs where you are catching hell with someone over you, not paying you much and treating you like you are stupid. I think Blanche appeals to lot of folks in those positions, have been or who have relatives and friends who are because Blanche does the best you can in that kind of position and keep your dignity. She gets her own back, doesn't let people mess with her and she finds ways to get justice. I think that attracts people across race, age, and class too," noted Neely.

In the latest novel, Blanche returns to Farleigh, N.C. with a reunion with her best friend, Blanche attracts a new romantic interest, but while in Farleigh encounters the man who raped her eight years earlier. Blanche attempts to get even.

Meanwhile a young girl is murdered and her antagonist is a prime suspect which sets Blanche off on a mission to try to discover clues linking him to the murder. Neely has a knack for poking fun at the absurdities of race and class in America as seen through the eyes of Blanche. "All of the books have been drafted at least five times and it's probably the third draft before the humor kicks in. I laugh a lot when I write the books. I didn't know it was coming." Neely is busy

published by Penguin Putnam Inc. and her books are available in most major retail outlets. Due to Blanche's popularity Neely has been approached and granted options on her character for a possible movie, television or cable project. Neely also maintains a Web site, www.BlancheWhite.com



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ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS

COUNTY OF ESSEX
ORDINANCE NO. 9-07-0011 AUTHORITY FOR
ORDINANCE N.J.S.A. 40A:12-12(b)

PROPOSED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY
FOR ACTION N.J.S.A. 40A:14-101

SUBJECT: Sale of Surplus Property at 245-285 New
Street, Newark, NJ

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-12(b) of the Local Land
and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-11 et seq.,
authorizes the County to sell property not needed for
public use by private sale to a body corporate and
not for the State of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the County Executive has recommended
the sale by the County of real property known as 245-
285 New Street, 286, 289, 291 and 293, Lot 1 on
the Tax Map of the City of Newark, New Jersey (the
"Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Property is not
needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Institute of Technology
(NJIT), a body corporate and political of the State of
New Jersey, has expressed an interest in purchasing
the Property; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has heretofore
held the public hearing for sale of the Property pursuant
to the "Luttrell" amendments to the Act, N.J.S.A.
40A:12-12.5 to 12.8; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 1997 the Essex
County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted
Ordinance No. 9-97-0018 authorizing the County
Administrator to sell at public auction to the highest
bidder properties known as 245-285 New Street and
122-128 Newark Street, Newark, New Jersey;

ENACTED, by the Essex County Board of Chosen
Freeholders:

1. The County Administrator is authorized and
directed to enter into negotiations with New Jersey
Institute of Technology and/or another appropriate
bidder, as determined by the County Administrator,
for the purpose of selling the
Property to the bidder on the terms and conditions
hereinafter set forth.

2. The sale shall be subject to the following terms and

conditions:

a. The price shall be no more than \$801,000.00.
b. The Property and any improvements thereon are
sold "as is" and "where is" The Property has a historic
designation under the National Historic Preservation
Act of 1966 and the New Jersey Register of Historic
Places Act of 1970. The buyer agrees to accept title
to the Property subject to said historic designation
and the provisions of the above-referenced Acts.

c. Title to the Property shall be subject to all easements
and restrictions of record and to such state of
facts as an inspection and survey may reveal. The
County shall convey marketable title. In the event that
marketable title cannot be provided by the County, the
County's sole obligation will be to return the deposit
and cancel the sale.

d. Title will close and the balance of sale price shall
be paid by the Buyer no later than December 1, 2000.
Title will be conveyed by deed of bargain and sale.

e. Buyer may not rely on any statements or representations
concerning the condition of the Property
hereby by any County employee or representative.
The County does not intend to the accuracy of any
descriptions, survey plans, maps or metes and
bounds descriptions of the Property which it may
render available to Buyer. Any such information is
provided as an accommodation and assistance to Buyer
and represents the documents that are available to
the County. Buyer is advised to verify all information
by their inspections, surveys and searches.

f. All costs associated with Buyer's title searches,
conveys, and the like shall be borne by Buyer. The
County assumes no responsibility for such costs.

g. The County Executive or County Administrator are
authorized to execute the deed to convey title to the
property to the successful bidder and such other
documents as may be necessary and appropriate to
effect the transfer of title, subject to all requirements
of law.

h. Ordinance No. 9-97-0016 is repealed upon final
adoption of this Ordinance.

i. A public hearing on this ordinance shall be held on
November 1, 2000 at 7:00 PM at the East Orange
Town Hall, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, NJ.

j. The Clerk of the Board shall publish and distribute
this ordinance in accordance with the provisions of
law.

3. Upon adoption, certified copies of the ordinance
shall be forwarded to Richard M. Manella, Acting
County Administrator, Richard M. Siegel, Deputy
County Counsel and Harry P. Pappas, Acting Director
of Purchasing.

Approved as to form and legality: Richard Siegel,
Deputy County Counsel

RECORDED BY VOTE (X) N/A Absent
ABSENT

MOVED BY FREEHOLDER JONES
SECONDED BY FREEHOLDER PAGANELLI

Freeholder	Yes	No	N/A	ABS
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JACKSON	X			
JONES	X			
MARTINEZ				X
PAGANELLI	X			
SCARPELLI	X			
SEBOLD	X			
WATSON, V.P.	X			
DIVINCENZO, PRES.	X			

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Ordinance was
(X) adopted / (X) deleted / (X) tabled by roll call vote at
SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Chosen
Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey, held
on October 19, 2000

Joseph D. Divincenzo, President \$ 299.00

SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2000-008574

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY
DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO.
F1549899 INDUSTRY MORTGAGE, COMPANY, LP,
PLAINTIFF -vs- CLARENCE P. BRANTLEY and
LINDA J. BRANTLEY, HIS WIFE, ET AL, DEFENDANTS.
Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises.

By virtue of the aforesaid writ of Execution, to
be satisfied, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building
in Newark, on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, at one
thirty PM (Prevaling Time)
Commonly known as
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IRVINGTON NJ 07042

Lot: 10 Block: 309
Size: 50 X 100 feet
Distance to nearest cross street: 100.00 feet
Nearest cross street name: HAZARD AVE

A full legal description can be found in the office of the
Registrar of Essex County

A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is
required at the time of sale.

SUBJECT TO JUDGMENT DATED 7/19/00
D/028802-1983 in the amount of \$2,705.00

The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied
by said sale is the sum of TWO HUNDRED
TWENTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED
NINETY FIVE AND 48/100 DOLLARS (\$223,995.48),
together with the costs of this sale.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjust the sale from
time to time as provided by Law.
Newark, N.J. May 15, 2000
ARMANDO B. FORTOURA, Sheriff
FEIN, SUGI, KAHN & SHEPARD, ATTORNEYS
\$ 86.25

INVITATION FOR BIDS

HOUSING AUTHORITY COUNTY OF MORRIS

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY COUNTY OF MORRIS,
NEW JERSEY will receive sealed bids for "Turnover
Carpel and Tile Replacement" at Morris
News/Congregate Senior Citizen Complex, India
Brook Village Senior Citizen Complex, Pleasant View
Village Senior Citizen Complex, Bennett Avenue
Family Housing Complex and Greenpond Village
Family Housing Complex at 10:00 AM on Friday,
November 17, 2000 at the office of the Housing
Authority County of Morris, 99 Ketch Road,
Morristown, New Jersey. At which time and place all
bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids
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OF CHARLIE MAY WEAVER, ET
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FEIN, SUGI, KAHN & SHEPARD, ATTORNEYS
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Business

Calendar

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KENILWORTH, N.J. — Schering-Plough Corporation formally opened its new world headquarters with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by company executives, employees and state, county, municipal and community leaders.

The four-story, 163,000 square-foot building brings together senior corporate executives at one location in Kenilworth, the center of Schering-Plough's worldwide operations. The headquarters relocation is expected to result in closer coordination among pharmaceutical and research executives, and is intended to speed communications and decision-making, further strengthening the company's ability to deal with the ever-increasing pace of change and complexity of its global operations.

In his remarks, Richard Jay Kogan, chairman and chief executive officer of Schering-Plough, commented on the strength of Schering-Plough's long-standing relationship with Union County. "Over the years, the company and the county have grown and prospered together," he said.

"We also value the spirit of cooperation between Schering-Plough and the people and government of New Jersey," Kogan continued. "He noted that New Jersey is called the nation's medicine chest for good reason. That's true in no small measure because the state has worked in partnership with the pharmaceutical industry to foster New Jersey's economic development."

Kogan also discussed the company's ongoing efforts to strengthen and support diversity and economic opportunity, both in the workplace and in the community. Through the company's minority contractor initiative, 25 percent of the contract dollars awarded for the construction of the new headquarters building went to women- and minority-owned businesses. Additionally, in accordance with goals established by the company, 33 percent of total workforce hours by contractors involved in the construction of the new building were performed by minorities.

"This era of prosperity is an era of opportunity for all of New Jersey's citizens," said



Congressman Donald Payne addresses the crowd

Jersey's citizens," said

New Jersey Secretary of State DeForest B. Soaries, Jr. "Through their commitment to using women and minority-owned businesses in the construction of their new world headquarters, Schering-Plough is helping to make that opportunity a reality."

In addition to senior executives formerly located in the company's Madison, N.J., facility, the new world headquarters houses functions that include global marketing, international operations, human resources, investor relations, corporate communications and other administrative groups. Certain corporate functions continue to be located in Madison. Schering-Plough HealthCare Products, the company's consumer products business unit, continues to be headquartered in Berkeley Heights, N.J.

Architectural features of the new building include a limestone and glass wall facade, a central atrium, an underground tunnel and two covered walkways connecting an adjoining administration building; state-of-the-art teleconferencing and videoconferencing capabilities; a cafeteria; and underground parking. At full occupancy, the building will accommodate approximately 350 employees.

The new headquarters was designed by the architectural firm of Haines Lundberg Wachler of



Schering-Plough Corporation finally opened SC its new world headquarters in Kenilworth, N.J. on Oct. 18, 2000. The four-story, 163,000 square-foot building brings together senior corporate executives at one location in Kenilworth, the center of Schering-Plough's worldwide operations.



Pictured left to right is City News Publisher Henry Johnson and New Jersey Secretary of State Rev. Buster Soaries.

New York City, Torcon, Inc., of Westfield, N.J., was the key contractor. Construction of the building began in June 1998 and was completed in July 2000.

Schering-Plough is a major employer in New Jersey, with approximately 6,000 employees in eight operating locations, including Kenilworth, Union, Berkeley Heights, Lafayette, Springfield, Cranford, Branchburg and Madison. Schering-Plough recently

announced the purchase of the Novartis research and office facility in Summit, N.J., which it will occupy by 2003. The Summit facility will provide additional space to accommodate Schering-Plough's expanding pharmaceutical research operations in New Jersey.

Schering-Plough is a research-based company engaged in the discovery, development, manufacturing and marketing of pharmaceutical products worldwide.

Soaries emphasizes efforts to strengthen and support diversity

KENILWORTH, N.J. — Secretary of State DeForest B. Soaries, Jr. joined with corporate executives, community leaders and government officials to formally mark the opening of Schering-Plough Corporation's new world headquarters and to applaud the New Jersey-based pharmaceutical company for their commitment to procuring the services of women- and minority-owned businesses in the construction of this project.

"In New Jersey, we are enjoying an unprecedented level of economic success and prosperity," said Secretary Soaries. "It is also an opportunity to ensure that all of New Jersey's citizens are able to participate in this success. Through their commitment and ongoing efforts to strengthen diversity in both the workplace and in the community, Schering-Plough is helping to make that opportunity a reality."

Recognized by Fortune Magazine as one of the 50 Best Companies for Minorities, Schering-Plough awarded 25 percent of the contract dollars for the construction of their new headquarters building to women- and minority-owned businesses. Additionally, 33 percent of the total workforce hours for this project were performed by minorities.

In New Jersey, state agencies are required to make a good faith

effort to award 15 percent of state contracts to small businesses, 3 percent to women-owned businesses and 7 percent to minority businesses.

According to Secretary Soaries, the quarterly spending and year-end reports submitted by the various state contracting agencies indicate that of the \$2.4 billion total contracting dollars expended in FY 99, 31 percent or \$768 million were awarded to small-business enterprises. Women-business enterprises received 5.2 percent or \$128 million of the total contracting dollar for the same period. By contrast, only 5.4 percent or \$133 million of the total contracting dollars were awarded to minority businesses.

"Clearly, great strides are being made," stated Soaries. "Schering-Plough has proven that it is possible to find and use qualified minority vendors who are willing and able to do the work. The state is encouraged that this level of minority participation can be achieved."

In April of this year, Gov. Christie Whitman issued executive order 112 creating a commission to conduct a disparity study to examine the extent to which identifiable groups, by virtue of their gender, ethnicity or locale, have been left behind as the state has enjoyed record levels of job creation and economic prosperity.

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